

# GOT OPEN DOOR AND THEN SHUT IT AGAIN

Jake Wells to Keep Faith With Public and Still Eager for Fight.

BY JAKE WELLS.  
New York, July 7.—The continent seems considerably amazed that on the heels of a great victory I refused to join in an attempt to punch the head of the underdog. I have been accused by some of a tender-hearted, fool chivalry; others have not scrupled to say more cruelly that I have been bought off. I am not, of course, able to locate the sponsor for the latter bouquet. I trust he will not endure to couch under sexless anonymity. I want to set myself plainly down as responsible for the undoing of the theatrical trust. I want to set myself plainly down as equally opposed to a success which theatrical trust, whether it be the condition I found in my business over the Southern circuit a booking firm of two men, Klaw & Erlanger, dominating. The injustice of the condition need not comment upon. Time can't when the booking office not only failed to meet expectations, but failed even to furnish our house the material to keep open. It was then imperative even as it had long since been obvious that this tyrannical and selfish domination must be broken down as a matter of American decency or a matter of American business. I started out to do the best I could with intolerable conditions. I promised the press this: a free stage, an "open door."

The press and the people of the South rallied to my aid and I won over the most powerful syndicate or trust ever organized. I did not win because I promised a new and better trust. I won because the people had been promised by me, and believed my promises, that they would be given a free American stage. I have never promised to crush Klaw & Erlanger or their associates. I could never have gotten the support from the great South that rendered possible the victory on so cheap a platform as we are going to give to a better trust. We have won and hard and fought. We have won because our fight was just and honest and true, and because for that reason the press and people supported us. Having won by grace of the people and the press, on specific plain, I am going to give to the people of the American public what I word and say: "I know no difference between Klaw & Erlanger and Shubert or anybody else."

This must and shall be a square deal. The American stage must be free and fair, else it cannot represent the people. It must break from me if they do not live up to the promises they made the press and public, whereby we were victorious.

As the motive force and creator of that association, I dare them out into the arena. To the public by grace of the press and the people, I do not choose to forfeit by breaking faith and creating a new trust in place of the old one, I still stand by what I promised—the open door.

## DR. WILLIAM J. ROLFE DEAD

He Was Leading Shakespearean Scholar of This Country.

Vineyard Haven, Mass., July 7.—Dr. William J. Rolfe, of Cambridge, Shakespearean scholar and author, died to-day in Tisbury, from old age. Dr. Rolfe had been in failing health for some time. He was born in Newburyport, Mass., in 1827. Dr. Rolfe was a prolific contributor to literature as an editor and author. He was regarded as the foremost Shakespearean scholar in this country, and other poets also received his editorial attention. Besides editing a handbook of Latin poetry, he compiled a volume of Latin tales and was the author of a course in physics and of a European guide book.

## BREAKS TWO RECORDS

Aviator Sets Up New Figures for Time and Distance.  
Bethany, Md., July 7.—M. O'Hara, to-day broke the records for duration and distance at the aviation meeting in progress here. He remained in the air two hours, thirty minutes and thirty-nine seconds, and covered the distance of 158.25-100 miles. In the preliminary contest for height, Hubert Latham reached an altitude of 1,384 meters (4,540 feet) beating Paulhan's record of 1,296 meters (4,252 feet).

## GOSSIP REVIVED

Rumored That Duke of Abruzzi Has Seen Miss Elkins.  
Rome, July 7.—The Tribuna publishes a statement that Duke of Abruzzi, who is now director-general of the arsenal at Venice, recently motored from Venice to Toblach, Austria, where he met many Americans, including, it is believed, Miss Katherine Elkins, daughter of Senator Elkins. This has revived gossip concerning the engagement of the Duke and Miss Elkins.

Convention Called for August 10.  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Greensboro, N. C., July 7.—The Republican district committee here to-night called the convention to nominate a Republican candidate for Congress to meet August 10 at Greensboro.

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## MANY CITIES BAR FIGHT PICTURES

Movement Against Films of Jeffries-Johnson Battle Becomes General.

Norfolk, Va., July 7.—Mayor J. Davis Reed, of Portsmouth, to-day instructed the police to serve notice on all proprietors of theatres, that the Jeffries-Johnson fight pictures would not be permitted to be exhibited in that city, under any circumstances.

Durham Will Prohibit Pictures.  
Durham, N. C., July 7.—Mayor Dr. W. W. Wood, to-day directed that no Jeffries-Johnson fight pictures be shown here, and the county commissioners say they will keep them out of the county. This is the second town in the State to prohibit the pictures.

No Pictures for Wilmington.  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Wilmington, N. C., July 7.—Mayor MacRae has prohibited the exhibition of the Jeffries-Johnson fight pictures in Wilmington. He has notified all moving picture theatre managers to that effect, and they have assured him they will not even attempt to display the pictures. He has also issued only the urging of whites, but the appeals of the better element of the colored race, of this city.

Pictures Banned in Fredericksburg.  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Fredericksburg, Va., July 7.—The authorities of the city have decided to prohibit the showing of Jeffries-Johnson fight pictures. A similar movement is afoot in New Zealand.

Protest Is Made.  
Boston, Mass., July 7.—A protest against the Jeffries-Johnson fight was made in the form of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the board of control of the city of Boston, held in the City Hall in this city to-day. The resolution calls upon public officials everywhere to forbid the production of moving pictures of that or any other exhibition of a character tending to destroy the morals of the American people.

Clergymen Take Action.  
Melbourne, Australia, July 7.—The clergymen of New South Wales have sent a petition to Andrew Fisher, the premier of Australia, asking him to prevent the introduction into the commonwealth of the Johnson-Jeffries fight pictures. A similar movement is afoot in New Zealand.

Gaynor Will Follow the Law.  
New York, N. Y., July 7.—Mayor Gaynor to-day decided that he would not interfere with the exhibition here of the moving pictures of the Jeffries-Johnson fight pictures. "I have decided no such thing," the Mayor insisted. "The question is not what I like, but what the law is, and I shall follow the law. I cannot do as I please."

The Mayor gave no indication of what he considered the law to be.

Will Not Be Seen in Winchester.  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Winchester, Va., July 7.—The Ministerial Association was about to take the day-off for the exhibition of the Jeffries-Johnson fight pictures when announcement was made that the managers of the moving picture theatre had no intention of showing films.

Lynchburg Bars Fight Pictures.  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Lynchburg, Va., July 7.—Mayor Smith issued instructions to-day to stop the exhibition of motion pictures of the Jeffries-Johnson fight pictures in Lynchburg. He has also issued orders to prevent any such exhibition here if the pictures are brought to Lynchburg. Mayor Smith has taken the step because he is firmly of the opinion that the films would be productive of race hatred and wholly against public policy.

Matter Under Consideration.  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Danville, Va., July 7.—The Mayor has thus far taken no official action with regard to the Jeffries-Johnson moving pictures shown here. He has the matter under careful consideration. There were no serious outbreaks here Monday night following the announcement of the result of the fight.

Will Welcome Pictures.  
Mexico City, July 7.—Mexico will welcome the moving pictures reproducing the Jeffries-Johnson championship fight. Governor Landa y Escandón of the Federal district, said he would not interfere with an attempt to put the fight films under a protective law, on the contrary, would like to have them exhibited here. "We have no negro question here," he said.

London May Bar Them.  
London, July 7.—The movement in favor of government action looking to the suppression of the pictures of the fight is extending to a considerable section of the House of Commons. Both parties support the movement. Some of the morning papers advocate the suppression of the pictures, as tending to prevent good night work, they say, are promoted mostly for the sake of the profits from the pictures.

## GARMENT MAKERS GO OUT ON STRIKE

Fifty Thousand Quit Work in Order to Enforce Demands.

FIXED FOR LONG FIGHT

Threatened That Strikes May Be Called in Other Big Cities.

New York, July 7.—Fifty thousand garment and cloak makers, of whom 8,000 are women, walked out this afternoon at the call of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, which demanded an eight-hour day, an increase in wages and a guarantee that contractors shall stand behind subcontractors for wage payments. The fight thus far is purely local, but the threat of a general strike in other big cities of the union said to-night that if employers attempted to subvert their

work in other cities, notably Chicago, Philadelphia and Cleveland, the union would call a strike there also.

The 1100 factories here employ 100,000 hands, of which approximately half are organized. The strikers hope to draw many of the non-union workers out by a sympathetic appeal.

"We have plenty of money, between \$70,000 and \$100,000," said Vice-President Polakoff, of the union, to-night, "and the members in other cities will help us. We have received a great many offers of settlement already, and these will be considered by the settlement committee to-morrow."

On the other hand, the executive committee of the Cloak, Suit and Skirt Manufacturers' Association, which has 2,000 members in this and other cities, said that no decision had been reached by the committee, but it is certain that no member of the committee will meet the demand of the union.

The strikers on the whole were well behaved to-day and to-night, their first day off like children on a holiday. Large numbers of them sat in the parks, munching luncheons they had brought with them and swarming thick about the soda water stands. A circular issued by the union read in part as follows:

"Pick no arguments and don't enter into any discussion with your employers or other employers. Give no opportunity for interested parties to make disturbances, which may lead to a breach of the law and to arrests. Show the world you know both your duties and your rights and are law-abiding citizens."

## News of South Richmond

South Richmond Bureau. The Times-Dispatch.

The Southside Gun Club held its regular shoot Wednesday afternoon at the extreme end of East Seventeenth Street, and it was the best shoot ever held by this club. Mr. Taylor, who holds an average of 55 per cent, and better for last year's shooting, made the unusual perfect score of 100 per cent. Mr. Goodie is the holder of the high gun average for the season so far. Mr. Anderson and other crack shots of the Richmond Gun Club were present. Shooting takes place at the extreme end of East Seventeenth Street every Wednesday at 5 o'clock.

Wednesday's results are:  
Taylor ..... 25 50 75  
Lawrence ..... 25 48 70  
Anderson ..... 24 48 71  
Lohman ..... 24 47 ..  
Goodie ..... 23 45 ..  
Nunnally ..... 20 44 61  
Jones ..... 20 43 61  
Prentiss ..... 21 40 ..  
Tignor ..... 20 40 ..  
Houshabout ..... 16 37 ..  
Smith ..... 14 12 ..  
Guza ..... ..

Hill Is Blasted.  
With face and arms badly burned and portions of his hair singed as the result of a blast of fire bursting in his face while at work at the Pintsch Compressing Company, gas manufacturers, corner of Fourth and Bainbridge Streets, Tuesday afternoon about 5 o'clock, Edward E. Cain, a white man, of 1533 Main Street, Richmond, yet found his way to the telephone, and in agonizing utterances, asked central to send him a physician immediately. He then toppled, and writhed under his terrible burns. Dr. E. G. Hill was notified, and rushed to the place. He found the man in extreme pain. He did all that medical skill could do. Dr. Hill said last night that Cain was burned about the face and arms, but would recover. Cain comes from North Carolina, and has been in the city only a short while.

Willie Browder, alias Broadus, twenty-seven years old, a "sneak" thief, and considered by the police as a bad negro, is at last at bay, and will do no harm for at least eighteen months. Sergeant Wright and "Eddie" Waymack captured him Wednesday evening about 6:30 o'clock. He was arraigned before the court yesterday morning and was sentenced to six months in the county jail on the following charges: stealing \$11.60 from William Pleasant, the theft of a suit of clothes from 801 Semmes Street, stealing two suits from Chas. Dorgit, 118 Sixth Street. Twelve months' security was further added, making a total of thirty months. The police consider

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Official of Clintwood Institution Disappears and Funds Missing.

Clintwood, Va., July 7.—Cash to the amount of \$15,000 and \$7,000 worth of unsigned treasury certificates have disappeared from the vaults of the Citizens' National Bank, of this place, and a reward of \$1,000 has been offered by the officers of the institution for the arrest of Walter C. D. Sutherland, cashier of the bank, who has not been seen here since Saturday night.

Sutherland hired a horse Saturday night and told his friends, it is alleged, that he was going to ride to Stratton to spend the Fourth with relatives. When he did not appear at the bank Tuesday morning, inquiry by the officials developed the fact, it is said, that the young man had not visited Stratton. No trace has yet been found of Sutherland or of the horse he rode.

It was not until late yesterday that the bank vault, whose time lock had been set for ninety-six hours, could be opened. Then the officials discovered the loss. In the vault they found a note saying:

"Gone to the tall timber."

The name of the missing cashier, it is said, was signed to it.

Sutherland, who is thirty-four years old, was at one time connected with the army engineer corps in the Philippines.

WILL ASK POSTPONEMENT  
Attorney for Charlton Hopes to Delay His Hearing.  
New York, July 7.—When Porter Charlton, who was arrested in Hoboken two weeks ago, and confessed to killing his wife and throwing her body into Lake Como, Italy, is arraigned to-morrow in Jersey City in the Court of Common Pleas, Edward Smith, one of the counsel for the young prisoner, will ask a further postponement of the hearing on the ground that the matter of Charlton's extradition to Italy is still unsettled.

The complaint against Charlton asks that he be held for sixty days from the day of his arrest. Should the United States government not take some action in the matter before that time there would be nothing to prevent Charlton from escaping, as he would remain upon which to hold him. Charlton is still in the county jail in Jersey City.

Negro Kills Mother-in-Law.  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Fayetteville, N. C., July 7.—A negro, named Thomas, of the name of money, left his wife, with a

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## BIG CROWD GREET'S JOHNSON IN CHICAGO

People Line Streets to Get View of Champion Fighter—Outlines Plans for Future and Illustrates Manner in Which He Defeated Jeffries.

Chicago, July 7.—Jack Johnson, champion of all prize fighters, to-night is once more at home with his mammy and his automobile. To-day Johnson came into the city with his following, through a solid wall of people. Chicagoans lined sidewalks with solid ranks, to catch a glimpse of him. Johnson announced that all tentative plans for the future were off.

"Sam Langford," he asked, "That makes me laugh. I am not running around now looking for fights. Let Langford put up his \$20,000 first, then he can talk. Just now I am going to rest. I'm going to New York Sunday afternoon to begin a thirty-week vaudeville tour. At least I have that many weeks at my disposal. I may accept offers to go to Europe."

"Quit? Well, I never told any one I would quit, but it looks as though I'd have to."

Big Crowd at Station.  
Five thousand negroes and a large number of white persons made the living wall at the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Station, where Johnson landed on his return from Reno. Policemen were swept aside when the fighter sought his way to a waiting automobile.

Johnson in his automobile dashed madly home, where his mother and the members of his family waited in the midst of another crowd of thousands. Flashes waved, an ornately attired number of a negro regiment of State militia swayed to the rhythm of "America," and "Mistah Johnson, Turn Me Loose," and other similarly "patriotic" airs. In the midst of a mighty roar of "Oh, you Jack Johnson," the champion alighted at his house.

He pushed his way into the house amid deafening roars, and with tears streaming down his face embraced his mother. Behind him a compatriot struggled through the crowd, hearing a shout, a smoked bacon side, symbolic of Johnson's own message, "I'm coming home with the bacon."

"You don't need no bacon, chile," cried the aged Tiny Johnson.

"Ah want to tell you I've got a mighty fine chicken cookin' out heah in the kitchen, and you knows how you likes wathamelon. We have got some dandies, Jack."

Breaks Speed Laws.  
Johnson went seventy-one miles an hour in his automobile for a while to-day till it was slowed down by a park policeman.

"Here go the profits," laughed Jack, but the policeman clapped the champion's hand, and clouted him on the back. Leaning over, he whispered, "Don't tell any one, you old war horse, but I won \$20 on you."

"Good as dead," Johnson, and another, whistled Jack at a buffet garden.

"Now, Jack," said a reporter, "what are you going to do? What about Sam Langford and your mother's saying you were to quit fighting forever, and your trip to Europe?"

"Glad to be asked all at once," he replied, "cause I can say I don't know to it all. I have enough money to last me till next week, and I am going to find out what's doing before I do anything. Sam Langford or any one else better get his money up first, and then proceed to whip me afterward."

"Did you hear about the picture?"

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